

Permission Slip for Big Backyard Nature Walks

School year of 2004-2005

All K-5 classes will participate in Big Backyard nature walks this year. Each class will go out on 1 to 4 nature walks during the year. While on the walks, which occur during the school day, classes will explore fields, woods and other habitats on and off school property. Like all natural areas in Lexington, ours may have poison ivy, deer ticks, mosquitoes etc.

While there has been some concern about the risk of Lyme disease since deer ticks have been found on the property, it is wise to keep the concern in proportion to the real risk. Obviously, not all deer ticks carry the bacteria that cause the disease. Furthermore, a tick must be attached for at least 24 hours to pass on the bacteria, so removing the tick promptly will reduce the chance of infection. Protective clothing and tick checks are usually adequate protection. Future information may be found on the CDC web site at www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid.lymeinfo.htm.

Families will be notified in advance of the walks.

I hereby give permission for my child to participate in the Big Backyard nature walks for the school year 2004-2005. I understand that he/she will be visiting school grounds as well as going off of school property.

I will contact the school nurse about any changes in my child's medical condition that might need to be considered on a nature walk.

Child's name _____

Teacher/Class _____

Signature _____ Date _____